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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-51. (Cancelled)

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52. (Previously added, Currently amended) An oral brush suitable for massaging the gums, comprising:

an elongated handle;

a head portion, sized for insertion into a human mouth, extending from an end of said handle;

a brush portion comprising

(a) at least one elastomeric element extending a sufficient distance from said head portion to contact the interdental spaces, comprising a thermoplastic elastomer having a Shore A hardness of less than 55 and a flexural modulus of at least 5 MPa, said thermoplastic elastomer comprising a styrenic block copolymer, and

(b) a ~~plurality~~ plurality of non-elastomeric bristles extending from said head portion.

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53. (Previously added) The oral brush of claim 52 wherein said elastomeric element is disposed along a longitudinal outer edge of the head portion.

54. (Previously added) The oral brush of claim 53 wherein the oral brush includes at least two elastomeric elements, and one is disposed along each longitudinal outer edge of the head portion.

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55. (Previously added, Currently amended) An oral brush suitable for massaging the gums, comprising:

an elongated handle;

a head portion, sized for insertion into a human mouth, extending from an end of said handle, the head portion including a surface defined by two outer longitudinal edges;

a brush portion comprising

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(a) a ~~plurality~~ single row of first bristles extending from said ~~head portion~~ surface along one outer longitudinal edge, said first bristles comprising a thermoplastic elastomer having a Shore A hardness of 30 or greater and a flexural modulus of at least 5 MPa, said thermoplastic elastomer comprising a polyolefin elastomer, and

(b) a plurality of non-elastomeric bristles extending from said ~~head portion~~ surface immediately adjacent to the single row of first bristles.

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56. (New) The oral brush of claim 55 further comprising a second row of said first bristles extending from said surface along the second outer longitudinal <sup>edge</sup> surface.

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